

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland will hold its Annual Meeting at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Friday, July 24th, at 4.30 p.m., at which hour tea will be served.

The Meeting will receive an important Report, and will have serious business to consider, in view of the Triennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, to be held at Helsingfors, Finland, in July, 1925.

Self-governing Societies and Leagues composed of Trained Nurses desiring to affiliate with the National Council should make early application to Miss H. L. Pearse, Hon. Secretary, National Council of Trained Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

IRISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Irish Matrons' Association was held at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, on Thursday, June 26th, on the invitation of the Matron, Miss Hill, who previous to the meeting very kindly entertained the members to tea.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses will be held at the Hospital on Saturday, July 5th, at 3 p.m. An interesting item on the Agenda is the unveiling of the Octo-Centenary Tablet in Elizabeth Ward. At the conclusion of the business the Meeting will resolve itself into a Social Gathering in the Great Hall.

At a recent Meeting of the Isla Stewart Memorial Committee, it was agreed that as £700 had now been well invested, the interest should be used for purposes in which the late Miss Isla Stewart was interested. Miss Stewart was one of the Founder Members of the International Council of Nurses, and the Committee have decided to supplement the expenses of four Members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses—who will be selected later to attend as Delegates, or Fraternal Delegates, at the forthcoming Triennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses—to meet at Helsingfors, Finland, in July, 1925.

NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

JUNE 4th.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

Major Barnett asked the Minister of Health whether the General Nursing Council for England and Wales duly submitted its amended election scheme before March 14th, 1924, as required; if so, whether such scheme has met with his approval and will be laid upon the Table of the House; and, in the event of such scheme not having been submitted or not having been approved, what steps he proposes to take to give effect to the decision of his Department, as approved by the House?

Mr. Wheatley: The General Nursing Council have submitted proposals for the amendment of the election scheme, but as their precise intention was not clear, they have been asked to give further consideration to certain points. Pending their reply, I am unable to come to any decision as to sanctioning the amendments, but I hope to be able to lay amended Rules on the Table of the House before the end of the Session.

The Lambeth Hospital is to have its own official organ and a copy of the first number will be sent, gratis, to any "Old Lambethian" who sends her name and address, and a 1d. stamp to the Editor, *Lambeth Hospital Record*, Brooke Street, Kennington, S.E.11.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Forty-eighth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Ministry of Health on Friday, June 20th, Sir Wilmot P. Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., presiding.

Report by the Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and signed, the Chairman reported (1) that since the last meeting Dr. Goodall had undergone a severe operation, but was making a good recovery. (2) He had been informed by the Ministry of Health that the Rules relating to the Registered Uniform had been laid before the Minister, and there would be no difficulty as to their being signed, though his signature had not yet been appended. (3) That for the Examinations in July a total of 1,910 applications had been received. *For the Preliminary Examination*, 1,787. *For the Optional Examination*, 123.

A message of congratulation was sent to Dr. Goodall on his progress towards convalescence.

Correspondence.

The following letter, dated May 23rd, 1924, was received from the Minister of Health:—

"I am directed by the Minister of Health to refer to the letter of March 19th, 1923, from this office, requesting the General Nursing Council to consider the amendment to the scheme for the election of the Council, proposed by Major Barnett, and to submit to the Minister such alterations as they would be prepared to make in the scheme.

"The Minister has had under consideration the report adopted by the Council, and forwarded with the Chairman's letter of February 19th last, and I am to invite the attention of the Council to the following difficulties which would arise in the working of the scheme as amended on the lines proposed in the report:—

(1) The report proposes that three of the six Matrons are to have been actively engaged in the education and training of nurses. It will be necessary to make provision for the decision of any dispute as to whether a candidate can properly claim to have this qualification.

(2) It is proposed that this special qualification shall be held by three of the six Matrons, but it is not indicated to which three the qualification should apply.

(3) It is also proposed that one place shall be reserved for a Sister Tutor in an approved training school. Is it to be assumed that the Sister Tutor might come from either a complete training school or from an affiliated training school?

"The Minister will be glad if the Council will submit at an early date their proposals for dealing with the above-mentioned difficulties."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of Finance Committee.

MR. R. DONALDSON, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that its Report be received.

It was reported that the Ground Landlords have valued the premises at 20, Portland Place for insurance purposes at £14,000, and that insurance has been effected to that amount, which brought a question from Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE as to why this was so greatly in excess of the purchase price of the property. MR. DONALDSON replied that quite recently another house near by, with less accommodation, had been valued at £13,000, and he thought the Council had good value for its money.

The recommendation that the action of the Committee be approved was carried.

It was reported that the estimate of Messrs. Butler & Tanner for printing the 1924 Register was £1,378 11s. 8d. for 250 copies, and it was recommended that this estimate be accepted. The CHAIRMAN, in reply to questions, said that the cost of printing the 1923 Register was £646. The

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